

“Keeping in Touch”

Quarterly Newsletter by/for
Fish & Game Retirees/Families and
Interested Former Employees

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Dates to Remember

**Retiree Luncheon
Schedule
Golden Corral
on Emerald in Boise
11:30 a.m.**

2013

**July 11
September 12
November 14**

Mark Your Calendars



A Report from the Phillippines!

(In past newsletters, we have reported on all the good that Dr. Geoff Williams is doing around the world. Geoff, the son of proud parents Milt and Beverly Williams, is currently in Cebu, Phillippines and here is the latest update. — JJF)

“The big surgery went very well. It was one of the more complex cases I have seen during my ten years of full-time volunteering. It took 8.5 hours. The patient, a 20-year-old girl names Maria Luz, was born with clefts on both sides of her face. The clefts began in her upper lip, went through the nose, and then through both lower eyelids, and then into the upper eyelids and eyebrow region. She had a hole the size of a golf ball looking directly into her nasal cavity. I didn’t know exactly what to do before hand but felt led by the hand bit by bit.

“One of the amazing things about this girl is that she just finished high school last month. Of all the patients I have seen, she is the last one who I would have guessed would face a crowd of kids at school every day.

“My team was great. We had to do Maria’s surgery on Saturday

but there were no complaints — just hard work with smiles all day (behind the surgical masks). One good development is that we are now using a dental chair to place our patients on for surgery. It lies fully flat and goes almost down to the floor. The strain on my back is almost gone. I no longer have to straighten my back way up to be able to see with my magnifying glasses.

“Anyway, all is well here. The only bad thing to happen so far is that we found our bag of M&M’s filled with ants today!

“Thanks again for the prayers. We’ve done 14 surgeries so far and have another week to go.”

(Thank you Milt and Bev for sharing your wonderful son’s letter with us. I’m sure many prayers will be added for his safety and the well-being of his patients.)

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Fish and Game Worker Found Dead in River

(From the Idaho Statesman)

Elk City — A seasonal Idaho Fish and Game employee died Saturday, June 29, while trapping Chinook salmon at the Crooked River fish trap.

Joshua T. Huju, 26, of Sioux City, Iowa, was found in the water at the fish trap by another Fish and Game employee. The co-worker pulled Huju from the water and administered CPR, but could not revive him.

"This is a heart-breaking tragedy and the thoughts and prayers of everyone at Fish and Game are with Josh's family," Fish and Game Director Virgil Moore said.

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New Redfish Lake Webcam

Gary Gadwa, President of the Sawtooth Association in Stanley reports that the association has set up a new webcam for your "viewing pleasure." It is: <http://new.discoversawtooth.org/webcam> and in full screen size, <http://new.discoversawtooth.org/webcam.full>. Thanks, Gary, for letting us know about the site.

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Thanks for Your Kind Support!

A huge "Thank You" to **Joan and Jack Trueblood, Milt and Beverly Williams**, and **Monte and Nancy Richards** for their generous donations to keep the newsletter going. They are much appreciated!

Welcome to New Retirees

Robert Morgan, Mechanic in the Salmon Region, retired April 26 after 8 years with the department. **Michael Scott**, Regional Wildlife Biologist in McCall retired June 30 after 31 years. And, **Mike Todd**, Regional Wildlife Biologist in the Magic Valley Region, is also retiring June 30 after 33 years of service. Congratulations Newbies! And welcome to the Retiree's group.

Also, we want to welcome back **Walt Bodie** who (for some reason to be determined) was not receiving the newsletter. You are now back on our list and will get all Retiree info in the future.

And I received an e-mail from **Frank NeSmith** (way down there in Georgia) who now has e-mail access. Hope you were able to open the Newsletter on line, Frank, after all my instructions!@! Always glad to help! Good to hear from you again! And I did contact Lorrie with your message!

The Silent Majority

By Martel Morache

(This article was written in 1995 and Mart thought it would be interesting to see if the contents pretty much reflect Fish & Game concerns or lack thereof for trails 18 years later!)

Collectively, the Idaho hunters and anglers outnumber the rest of the trail users combined. Yet their participation in maintaining the Statewide trail network is noticeably lacking.

Obviously, there are hunters and anglers in the organized trail-user groups that contribute significantly to maintaining trails. But, by and large, too many hunters and anglers take the trails for granted.

Most of the State's 2,000 mountain lakes are accessible only by trail. Anglers that prefer mountain lake fishing rely heavily on trails to access these lakes. Only the truly dedicated and map savvy travel cross country to mountain lakes. And in many instances, miles and miles of stream and river fishing are readily available via trails.

The State's big game hunters -- where would a lot of them be without trails to seek out bighorn sheep, mountain goats, elk, deer, bear and cougar in rugged mountainous terrain? Trails are also invaluable to forest grouse

hunters. It is past time for the hunters and anglers to come forward and support the Idaho Trails Council (ITC) and its goals regarding trails.

Hunters using horses should join the nearest chapter of the back country horsemen. The Idaho Outfitters and Guides membership needs to become more involved. Memberships in the houndsmen's organizations, bow hunters groups, muzzle loaders, and other Idaho Wildlife Federation affiliates, including fly fishermen, need to get involved. It is impossible to contact all the hunters and anglers that use trails. The best possible recourse is through the organized groups and their respective officers.

In reality the ITC will have to take the leadership role in encouraging hunters and anglers to get on board. The president should invite the leadership of the aforementioned organizations to ITC board meetings. We need to get a dialogue going with these absentee users. Hunters and angler trail users need to become informed of the outstanding ongoing programs to preserve the Statewide trail network. They need to understand a strong, vibrant trails community will help insure their continued enjoyment of Idaho's wildlife resources. Preserving, maintaining, and improving our trails

is an unrelenting vigilance that needs all user groups.

Another Department Antique Shows Up in Maine!

IDFG's Historian, **Mick Hoover**, reported that a 1970 Dodge truck was for sale in Maine with the property sticker of 09951 still on the dash. About 3 ½ years ago, a department retiree had mentioned that one had been sold, possibly by his neighbor. *(Can't remember which retiree?)* The department had an inquiry from the man who was interested in buying it and wanted to verify the date of purchase info, if it was the right color, etc.

(You never know when one of us antiques will show up, huh! — JJF)

Also, Mick will be bringing the IDFG Chevy to Boise for the annual Motorfest show July 12-14 at the Idaho Expo *(Boise Fairgrounds to we native Boiseans!)*

Retiree Updates

Received word from **Tom Leege** that **Al Bruner** has had some serious health problems and is now residing at the Renaissance Assisted Living Community, 2772 W. Avante Loop, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815. "I'm sure he would appreciate cards and/or

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visits from old friends in the Fish and Game community," says Tom. Al, our thoughts and prayers are with you!

Another stressful event for **Josephine (Jo) Toomey**. Her daughter, Stephanie, had to have bypass surgery because she had a tear in the left artery which caused blood to leak out and pool in another area. Jo said, "It was a powerful experience, not one that I would like to go through again." Anyway, Steph is doing well and is recovering at home with her family's help.

Ran into **Dorothy deReus** the other day while getting our hair done and she asked me if I had heard anything about how **Lloyd Oldenburg** was doing. Of course, I rely on **Bill Platts** for any updates when Lloyd isn't online. So, here is the update: As you know, Lloyd has been having a rough time of it healthwise. He has been doing much better and Bill is going to take him fishing on days Lloyd is able. Lloyd did send me an e-mail awhile back letting me know that he had a good time attending the Department's Fun Committee fish fry back in April. He still has to have dialysis every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, making it impossible for him to attend the Retiree

luncheons. Our best to you and Edna, Lloyd (aka "Old Man").

In Memoriam

James (Jim) Roy Graban
1931 - 2013

Memorial services were held in Boise May 4 for **Jim Graban**, 81, who passed away April 26, at his home in Boise of natural causes. Jim was born in Hammond, Indiana, October 15, 1931. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict; was stationed primarily in Okinawa, Japan, and was honorably discharged after four years at Mountain Home AFB. He was a graduate from the University of Idaho in 1960 with a degree in Forestry and Fisheries. He worked for the Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game, Boise Cascade Corporation, Arizona Dept. of Game and Fish, retiring from the IDFG as a Fisheries Biologist in 1995.

Jim is survived by his wife, Ann; five daughters and one son and many other family members. Memorial donations may be made in Jim's name to the MK Nature Center, the American Heart Association or a charity of your choice.

Marjorie "Joyce" Fiscus
1934 - 2013

A life celebration was held June 13 in Twin Falls for **Joyce Fiscus** who passed away June 8. Joyce was the widow of deceased

IDFG retiree **Bill Fiscus**. Joyce and Bill married in 1974 and spent 29 years together until Bill passed away in 2003. She is survived by her son, Curtis Echavarren and his wife, Deann; and her daughter Venita Hawes and husband, John; five grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; her last triplet sister, Julene Askew and husband, Merlin; and longtime best friends, Toots Fiscus and her husband, Henry.

Joyce was born Nov. 24, 1934, one of triplet daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Alton Fultz known as "Idaho's most famous babies" by the Twin Falls area newspapers. (*Thank you, Dave Parrish, for furnishing this info.*)

Violet Anna Reinecker
1922 - 2013

Violet Anna Reinecker passed away May 1 in Boise. Violet was the mother of retiree **Tom Reinecker**. Violet was born in Ola, Idaho on March 6, 1922. She married Donald Willard Reinecker in Idaho in 1936 and moved to Oregon shortly after. Violet was a stay at home Mom caring for her two sons, Tom and Colen. She and Don moved to Boise in 1994 where she lived until her passing. Violet is survived by her oldest son Tom and his wife Marjorie; four

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grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She requested that no services be held but rather that her ashes be scattered along the banks of Crooked River in central Oregon where she and Don spent many enjoyable days fishing.

Our deepest sympathies for all the surviving families.

Happy Anniversary!

July

Dan & Gail Papp
45 years, July 19

August

Tom & Becky Rogers
August 20

September

Milt & Beverly Williams
61 years, September 7

Congratulations!

Happy Birthday!!

July Birthdays

Larry Hlavaty & Paul Sommerfeld, July 1
Butch Welch, July 3
John Scott & Phyllis Kochert, July 9
John Beecham & Lois Lunday, July 10
Fred Christensen, July 14 * * * Sharon Clark*, July 15
Mel Branch, July 19 * * * Rod Duke, July 22
Jo Toomey & Steve Barton, July 25
Wayne Melquist, July 28 * * * Dale Tankersley, July 29
Diane Ronayne & Dale Toweill, July 30

August Birthdays

Monte Richards, August 2, 88 years
Jeff Copeland & Bert Bowler, August 4
Herb Pollard & Mick Hoover*, August 5
Kris Van Cleave, August 14 * * * Lonn Kuck, August 15
Frank Morgan, August 17 * * * Dan Papp, August 20
Gary Will, Keith Kiler, & Tom Reinecker, August 21
Lorrie (Spiker) Parrish, August 24
Norm Guth & Leon Strickland, August 26
Leon Strickland, August 26 * * * Merry Dell Morris, August 29
Stacy Gebhards, August 31

September Birthdays

Rick Gilchrist, September 1
Bob Vaughn & Tom Leege, September 3
Al Van Vooren, September 4 * * * Ted Chu, September 11
Phil Jeppson, September 13
Dwight Kilgore & Steve Pettit, September 15
Chuck Garey, September 20
Julie Mulholland* & Jim Keating, September 21
Vickie Keating, Mel Sadecki & Norma Stewart, September 22

Have A Good One, Folks!!!

Happy trails to you, until we meet again.
Happy trails to you, keep smilin' until then.
Who cares about the clouds when we're together?
Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather.
Happy trails to you, 'till we meet again.

Come celebrate with Mike Todd.. the Karaoke King!

- Name _____
- Number attending _____
- Cost is \$20 per person
- Amount for Gift \$ _____
- Total amount enclosed \$ _____
- **Date is August, 3rd 2013**
- 6:30 start time at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, Idaho



- Please RSVP with payment no later than July 26, 2013.
Please send letters and photos to Sally Rose ASAP.
Make Checks payable to Sally Rose at IDFG, 324 South 471 East, Suite 1, Jerome, Idaho 83338